

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carsten, it was new funds for this year. I didn't know that I can answer if this is an ongoing program that existed for other administrators and other areas, probably has. This was an additional request for this year, actually. The indication to us was that there was a need for \$7,000 in general fund and \$62,000 in federal funds for district court administrators. I think there were two proposed and a field representative position, of which there were five, oh, one field representative. That was a total of three people involved.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay. Thank you Senator Warner. Mr. President, if I may ask Senator Lewis a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Lewis, will you respond?

SENATOR CARSTEN: In light of the.... I would suppose that you probably talked to the Appropriations Committee heretofore. In light of what Senator Warner has said, and you were referring to the second district there. Can you tell me what specific role the district court administrator would be playing and what his duties would be.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The second district in a county court system is rather extensive. The workload there has really increased. What he would do would be to help the judges coordinate, kind of a pilot plan to help with some of the scheduling, some of the help to the judges, which, as you know our district has a goodly bit of population, plus the distance from my end to yours. My point is that it would still have to go through the process.... If I take too much time cut me off. But just by legislative wording to preclude us from even looking at that, I thought that that was more than we could take on the issue.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Lewis, there are no further debate, so you may close on your motion.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, let me remind you of what I am asking you to do. Again, I don't want to take any time on this. It is simply to allow my county and my judicial district to take advantage of a federal program for a court administrator, if possible. I think by wording in the appropriations language that precludes us from doing the things we want to in regard to that judicial district. The judicial district both in the county court system and the district court system, because of the nature of its size and location certainly is unique. I'm not asking you to spend any money. I'm simply allowing us to have the permission to proceed with this if we can get the federal funds available.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The question before the House is the adoption of the Lewis amendment to LB 531. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Lewis. Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 22 nays.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion fails.

CLERK: That is all the amendments I have on this bill, Mr. President.